**Commas**

1. Which one of the following sentences uses commas **incorrectly**?

a) This hot, dry weather is ruining the farmer's crops.

b) What is 1,000 times 15,000?

c) "Now spin your partner," said the dance instructor.

d) Few people know this but, New Zealand is a great place to vacation.

2. Which of the following sentences illustrates the rule to avoid putting single commas between verbs and objects or complements?

a) The season of drought, worried the farmers.

b) Maria turned off the lights, and locked the door.

c) The map, that we requested turned out to be incorrect.

d) The agreement entails, training for part-time staff

3. Which of the following sentences illustrates the rule to avoid putting commas between two compound elements?

a) The season of drought, worried the farmers.

b)Sean put the books on the shelf, and the pens in the drawer.

c) The map, that we requested turned out to be incorrect.

d) The agreement entails, training for part-time staff

4. Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

a) The flight team who prepared the plane, and assisted the pilot on the ground, waited several weeks for the kind of calm weather that was needed.

b) The flight team, who prepared the plane and assisted the pilot, on the ground waited several weeks for the kind of calm weather, that was needed.

c) The flight team, who prepared the plane, and assisted the pilot, on the ground waited several weeks for the kind of calm weather that was needed.

d)The flight team who prepared the plane and assisted the pilot on the ground waited several weeks for the kind of calm weather that was needed.

5. Select the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

a) My new manager was demanding yet fair to all employees.

b) My new manager was demanding, yet fair to all employees.

c) My new manager was demanding; yet fair to all employees.

d) My new manager was demanding; yet, fair to all employees.

6. When using a semicolon and a connecting word to join two independent clauses, put a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ after the connecting word.

a) dash

b) colon

c) comma

d) semicolon

7. What do commas do?

a) separate subjects and verbs

b) separate parts of a sentence

c) separate the beginning of a sentence from the middle and end

d) separate subjects from objects

8. Commas are used with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a) semicolons

b) numbers and dates

c) independent clauses

d) restrictive clauses

9. Which one of the following sentences uses commas **incorrectly**?

a) All new club members must check in before the meeting.

b) The large rowdy audience frustrated the performers, until the show ended.

c) Yes, I can give you a ride home after school today.

d) "I wonder if the radio is too loud," she said.

10. Which one of the following sentences uses commas **incorrectly**?

a) Before the summer ends, I will have a golden tan.

b) The yellow flowers, in the trays need to be transplanted, into the garden.

c) I graduated from college on June 17, 2000.

d) Celine takes gymnastics, but her sister Nadia dances ballet.

1. **Determine whether the sentence needs a comma. Select Yes or No.**Even though I am a registered voter I didn't go to the polls today.

a) Yes

b) No

2. **Determine whether the sentence needs a comma. Select Yes or No.**I left home early because I wanted to get a good seat at the theater.

a)Yes

b) No

3. **Determine whether the sentence needs a comma. Select Yes or No.**Chewing gum helped me to stop smoking since it was nicotine-flavored gum.

a) Yes

b) No

4. **Determine whether the sentence needs a comma. Select Yes or No.**Unless I study all night I won't pass this test.

a) Yes

b) No

5. **Determine whether the sentence needs a comma. Select Yes or No.**While I ate dinner I admired my new china.

a) Yes

b) No

6. **Determine whether the sentence needs a comma. Select Yes or No.**When my date arrived I was still getting dressed.

a) Yes

b) No

7. **Determine whether the sentence needs a comma. Select Yes or No.**I auditioned for the play as if I had a chance of getting the lead role.

a) Yes

b) No

8. **Determine whether the sentence needs a comma. Select Yes or No.**You need to move your car before it is towed.

a) Yes

b) No

9. **Determine whether the sentence needs a comma. Select Yes or No.**If you shampoo the rugs tonight they will be dry in the morning.

a) Yes

b) No

10. **Determine whether the sentence needs a comma. Select Yes or No.**Debra will renew her license when she returns from vacation.

a) Yes

b) No

1. Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

a) Having won prizes, with his first human-powered plane, Paul MacCready, went on to build a faster and more powerful pedal-powered plane, the *Gossamer Albatross*.

b) Having won prizes with his first human-powered plane Paul MacCready went on to build a faster and more powerful pedal-powered plane, the *Gossamer Albatross*.

c) Having won prizes with his first human-powered plane Paul MacCready went on to build a faster and more powerful pedal-powered plane the *Gossamer Albatross*.

d)Having won prizes with his first human-powered plane, Paul MacCready went on to build a faster and more powerful pedal-powered plane, the *Gossamer Albatross*.

2. Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

a) In less than two years after his first success MacCready's second pedal-powered plane departed from Folkestone, England.

b)In less than two years after his first success, MacCready's second pedal-powered plane departed from Folkestone, England.

c) In less than two years, after his first success, MacCready's second pedal-powered plane departed from Folkestone England.

d) In less than two years after his first success MacCready's second pedal-powered plane departed from Folkestone England.

3. Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

a) Consequently the pilot took off, expecting to reach France before his endurance and the water gave out.

b) Consequently, the pilot took off, expecting to reach France before his endurance and the water gave out.

c) Consequently the pilot took off, expecting to reach France, before his endurance and the water gave out.

d) Consequently, the pilot took off expecting to reach France before his endurance, and the water gave out.

4. Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

a) An hour and a half later he was only two-thirds of the way to France and his legs were cramping from all the pedaling.

b) An hour, and a half later, he was only two-thirds of the way to France, and his legs were cramping, from all the pedaling.

c) An hour and a half later, he was only two-thirds of the way to France, and his legs were cramping from all the pedaling.

d) An hour and a half later he was only two-thirds of the way to France, and his legs were cramping, from all the pedaling.

5. Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

a) Almost three hours later, the pilot, touched down at Cape Gris-Nez, in France a minute short of his theoretical exhaustion point.

b) Almost three hours later the pilot touched down at Cape Gris-Nez in France, a minute short of his theoretical exhaustion point.

c) Almost three hours later the pilot touched down at Cape Gris-Nez in France a minute short of his theoretical exhaustion point.

d) Almost three hours later, the pilot touched down at Cape Gris-Nez, in France, a minute short of his theoretical exhaustion point.

6. Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

a) Startled by the lightning, Mary screamed and ran into the house.

b) Startled by the lightning Mary screamed, and ran into the house.

c) Startled, by the lightning Mary screamed and ran into the house.

d) Startled by the lightning, Mary, screamed and ran into the house.

7. Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

a) Of all the substances in the human body tooth enamel is the hardest.

b) Of all the substances, in the human body, tooth enamel is the hardest.

c) Of all the substances in the human body, tooth enamel is the hardest.

8. Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

a) When the hailstorm came, the Little League players scurried to get off the field.

b) When, the hailstorm came, the Little League players scurried to get off the field.

c) When the hailstorm came, the Little League players scurried, to get off the field.

d) When the hailstorm came the Little League players, scurried to get off the field.

9. Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

a) Last summer my family visited Maine, and New Hampshire.

b) Last summer, my family visited Maine and New Hampshire.

c) Last summer, my family visited, Maine and New Hampshire.

d) Last summer, my family visited Maine, and New Hampshire.

10. Choose the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

a) Although the day was sunny and warm, the old man wore a wool cap and layers of heavy clothing.

b) The day was sunny and warm, the old man wore a wool cap, and layers of heavy clothing.

c) The day was sunny, the day was warm. The old man wore a wool cap and he wore layers of heavy clothing.

d) The day was sunny and the day was warm and the old man wore a wool cap, and he wore layers of heavy clothing.